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SUBJECT: CCOP TWELFTH SESSION, TOKYO

1. CCOP TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP MET AUGUST 10-11 WITH DR. W. BULLERWELL OF UNITED KINGDOM PRESIDING. MEETING REVIEWED PROGRESS AND NEW TECHNOLOGY OF OFFSHORE PETROLEUM EXPLORATION; DETRITAL HEAVY MINERAL SURVEYS OF COASTAL AND OFFSHORE AREAS; EVIDENCES AND METHOS OF STUDY OF OTHER RESOURCES IN SEA BED; TRAINING COURSES AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS; CCOP PUBLICATIONPROGRAM; STATUS OF MARINE SURVEY AND RESEARCH FACILITIES IN CCOP REGION; AND COOPERATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS. HIGHLIGHT OF MEETING WAS DISPLAY AND PRESENTATION BY DR. L.C. NOAKES OF AUSTRALIA OF NEW METHOD OF MAP REPRESENTATION AND APPRAISAL OF HEAVY MINERAL (ILMENITE, RUTILE, AND ZIRCON) DEPOSITS ALONG AUSTRALIAN COAST AND OFFSHORE WHICH MAY HAVE WIDE APPLICATION IN CCOP REGION AND ELSEWHERE.

2. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE ACTIVITIES CENTERD AROUND PLANS FOR SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS I RECOGNITION OF CCOP 10TH ANNIVERSARY IN 1976. ALSO UNDER CONSIDERATION ARE SEMINARS ON HEAT FLOW AND HYDROCARBON MATURATION, MARINE PHOSPHORITE; DATA STORAGE AND PROCESSING; AND SEISMIC EXPLORATION METHODS. PLANS BEING COMPLETED FOR TEAM OF AGE-DATING EXPERTS FROM GERMANY, NETHERLANDS, UNCLASSIFIED

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FRANCE, AND UNITED KINGDOM TO VISIT CCOP COUNTRIES IN COMING WEEKS

AS FOLLOW-UP OF AGE-DATING SEMINAR SPONSORED BY CCOP WITH GERMAN
HELP LAST MAY.

3. PRINCIPAL TRAINING COURSE AVAILABLE TO CCOP IS JAPANESE COURSE
IN MARINE SURVEY METHODS, WHICH RECENTLY STRENGTHENED THROUGH A BROAD
PANEL OF JAPANESE CONSULTANTS. CCOP COUNTRIES GENERALLY PLEASED
WITH TRAINING AVAILABLE, BUT SEVERAL EXPRESSED INTEREST IN TRAINING
FROM US INSTITUTIONS TO AUGMENT THE TRAINING PROVIDED IN JAPAN.
US DELEGATE AGREED TO SUPPLY CCOP COUNTRIES WITH NEW CIRCULAR ON
TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN USGS.

4. DISCUSSION REVEALED SUBSTANTIAL HELP TO COUNTRIES BEING GIVEN
OR PLANNED BY SEVERAL COOPERATING COUNTRIES INCLUDING JAPANESE
GEOPHYSICAL STUDIES IN INDONESIA; NETHERLANDS HELP TO MALAYSIA AND
THAILAND ON OFFSHORE TIN SURVEYS; GERMAN HELP TO PHILIPPINES ON
PETROLEUM EXPLORATION.

5. CLOSE CCOP COORDINATION WITH INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGICAL COORDINATION
PROGRAM DISCUSSED AT LENGTH ESPECIALLY ON RESEARCH PROJECTS AFFECTING
CCOP REGION. COORDINATOR LIKELY TO BE ESTABLISHED IN CCOP
SECRETARIAT.

6. TRUST TERRITORY DELEGATE HAS NOT YET SUBMITTED FORMAL
REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP IN CCOP. HOWEVER HAS INFORMED US DEL
OF INTENTION TO ASK FOR USGS HELP IN ESTABLISHING RESOURCES PROGRAM
AND SMALL RESOURCE SECTION AS BASIS FOR PARTICIPATION IN CCOP
AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS.
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